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Ryuhei Ohno spent most of his middle school career pining for one of his teachers. Not only are teacher and student relationships taboo but Ryuhei was head over heels in love with one of his male teachers! With his years of unrequited love behind him, Ryuhei is looking forward to turning over a new leaf in high school. And to make things even more promising Ryuhei has entered a high school where 90% of the student population is rumored to be gay.

However, a couple of the students in Ryuhei's class haven't heard the rumors surrounding the school. Kunihisa Imazumi is cute, adorable and homo-phobic. Unable to deal with the increasingly bold advances of his classmates, he appoints Ryuhei as his "knight in shining armor" to keep his suitors at bay. Ryuhei is more than happy to protect Kunihisa's innocence at first, but even Ryuhei finds himself falling for Kunihisa. Who is going to protect our "poor maiden" from his knight?!

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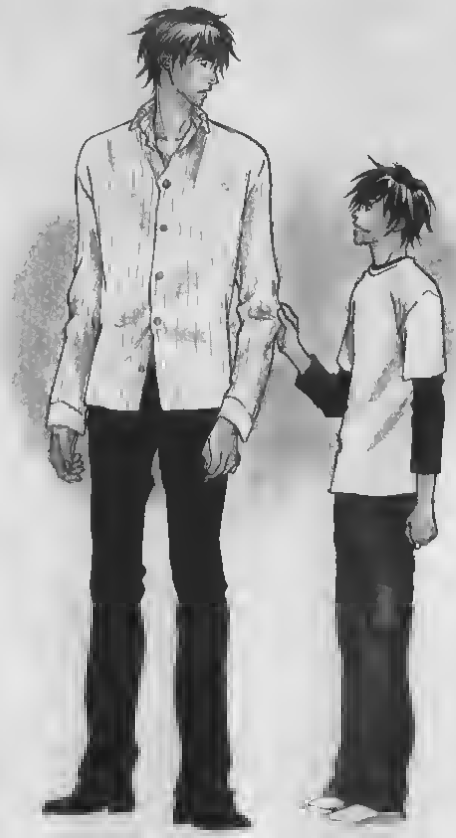
I'M REALLY FLATTERED YOU THINK OF ME THAT WAY.
IT'S ONLY MY THIRD SESSION AS A REPLACEMENT TUTOR...
SWISH
BUT THAT WAS A PRETTY DEVASTATING BLOW.
WELL, YOU KNOW,
I WASN'T EXPECTING HIM TO TAKE ME SERIOUSLY.
JUST BECAUSE I CONFESSED ONCE,
SWISH

AND I WAS LOOKING A FOOT AND A HALF UP INTO THE SKY.



RYUHEI-KUN,
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MARKING YOUR TEST.
HUH? SURE.
NOT 'SURE', BE QUIET!
LET ME TELL YOU, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN GUYS.
AND I CAN'T UNDER-STAND YOUR FANATICAL INTEREST IN HIM AT ALL.
BUT YOU'RE FROM KINSEI UNIVERSITY.
YEAH, BUT I WENT TO A DIFFER-ENT HIGH SCHOOL.
I DON'T WANT TO NEGATE YOUR FEELINGS,
HUH? BUT HE'S CUTE.
EVEN THOUGH HE'S FIVE YEARS OLDER AND 6 AND A HALF FEET TALL?
THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
HE HAS A GRACE-FUL AIR ABOUT HIM.
AND THAT SOFT VOICE...
HE'S LIKE... A FLOWER?
MAYBE A SUN-FLOWER?
BECAUSE HE'S TALL
TO ME, HE'S MORE LIKE A DAN-DELION ♡
WRONG!
AH! MY TEST!
HOW DID I DO?
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO TRY TO UNDER-STAND.
I FORGOT THAT LOVE MAKES YOU BLIND.
HUSTLE

I SAID I NEEDED TO RELAX SO THAT I COULD SPEND TIME WITH KANAME-SAN.
A MONTH AGO,
AIKAWA.
FURUYA...!
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE.
I KNOW, "SENSEI."
THERE'S A REASON WHY I'M PUSHING SO HARD.
YEAH!!
85
95
93
YOU DIDN'T HIT THE TARGET ON ONE PAPER,
BUT I SUPPOSE IT WILL DO.
HOWEVER,
STUDYING HARDER THAN NECESSARY FOR YOUR EXAMS...
WORKING THIS HARD TO SEE AIKAWA IS GREAT
I HAVE RESPONSI-BILITIES SINCE I'M GETTING PAID TO TUTOR YOU...

MY INSTINCTS ARE PROBABLY DEAD ON.
AH, SORRY, RYUHEI-KUN.
WE'RE ON THE SAME TEAM.
HIS NAME'S FURUYA.
I DIDN'T SEE YOU.
AND KANAME-SAN SEEMS TO BE INTERESTED TOO.
THIS FURUYA GUY HAS HIS EYES ON KANAME-SAN.
FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.
FURUYA'S FRAME OF VISION
YEAH, YOU SURPRISED ME.
HE ONLY SEES KANAME-SAN.
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM...
SO TALL
YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME?
WE COULD GO GET A DRINK...
ER...
BLUSH
KANAME-SAN,
WHO IS THIS?

AND THESE TWO...
SEE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY AT VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE AT KINSEI UNIVERSITY.
ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE.
AIKAWA.
SORRY, FURUYA.
AH...
AN APPOINT-MENT?
I HEARD ABOUT THIS GREAT PLACE...
WANT TO GRAB A BITE TO EAT ON THE WAY HOME?
I SEE...
THAT'S A SHAME...
UH...
UM!
THAT RAMEN PLACE YOU RECOM-MENDED,
THE FOOD WAS GREAT.
THIS TIME I'LL ASK IF ANYONE KNOWS ANY GOOD PLACES,
SURE.
SEE YOU.
I WANT TO BE READY,
SO I'M SORRY BUT...
YEAH.
TUTORING? YOU MEAN THAT LITTLE BR... ER, THAT JR. HIGH KID, RYUHEI?
CRACK
TOMORR I'M FILLI IN FOR FRIEND A DOING SO TUTORIN

KANAME-SAN,
REWARD
I HEARD YOU DID WELL ON YOUR TEST.
THANKS, KANAME-SAN!
ALTHOUGH IT'S HARDLY A REWARD...
I THOUGHT YOU'D GONE FARTHER IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP.
WHY IS THIS TURNING INTO A RESTAURANT HOPPING CLUB?
OKOUCHI
SHOULDN'T PROGRESS BE STRAIGHT-FORWARD?
IF YOU CAN SLEEP WITH OKOUCHI, SLEEP WITH ME!
ONCE YOU'VE GONE THAT FAR,
IF I DO WELL ENOUGH ON MY FINALS...
... WILL YOU GIVE ME A REWARD THEN?
YOU COULD SAY THAT. ♡
DENY IT!
YES, SENSEI, IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU ♥
YOU PLACED 8TH IN YOUR ENTIRE GRADE LEVEL...
... YOU DON'T REALLY NEED ME, DO YOU?
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
HERE. IT'S A GIFT.
YOU LIKE SWEET THINGS, RIGHT?
IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU'VE GONE BACK-WARDS.
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?
SHUT IT!
THERE ARE CIRCUM-STANCES BEHIND IT!

IT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE!
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR HIS GRADES WERE ALL OVER THE PLACE.
OVERALL, HE WAS JUST IN THE TOP 70.
BUT HE'S OVERCOME HIS WEAK SUBJECTS,
AND HE'S SHOT STRAIGHT INTO THE TOP 10.
AND AS A REWARD...
THE POOL?
YEAH.
NOT UNTIL HIS SUMMER HOLIDAYS, THOUGH
SORRY, I'VE BEEN GOING ON.
YOU MUST BE PRETTY BORED.
HUH?
NO, HONESTLY...!
GUH...
GUH
...
HE SAID 'IT'S A DATE,'
SO I WONDERED WHERE HE'D WANT TO GO.
BUT, HE JUST WANTS TO RELAX AND UNWIND
PLUS, AT KINSEI,
THERE'S MORE CHANCE I'LL MEET KANAME-SAN.
NO WAY. KINSEI'S REALLY CLOSE.
PEOPLE WILL TAKE YOU JUST FOR BEING IN THE TOP 50 IN YOUR SCHOOL
IF YOU PUSH YOURSELF A LITTLE HARDER YOU COULD LEAVE AND FIND A BETTER SCHOOL.
AND? WHAT REWARD DID YOU ASK FOR?
A DATE!
TO GO TO THE POOL WITH KANAME-SAN.
WHAT'S WH. THE FUN IN THAT! ANOTHER MAN'S BODY?!
OBVI-OUSLY.
DID YOU CHOOSE THAT JUST TO SEE AIKAWA IN A SPEEDO?
QUES-TION.

I NEVER SAID THAT!
I...
YOU ARE HANDING AIKAWA OVER TO THAT KIO.
WELL, THAT'S WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE.

BUT IF YOU'RE JUST SATISFIED WITH HIS CONFES-SION...
YOU'LL PAY THE PENALTY LATER.

IF YOU'RE JEALOUS THEN JUST LET IT OUT.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS KIO...

I SEE.
THANK YOU.
LET'S CALL IT VOLLEYBALL BROTHER-HOOD.
HA HA HA
WELL, FOR THE SAKE OF MY OWN VIRTUE
YOU'VE OPENED MY EYES.
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO NICE, OKOUCHI?
HUH?
BRR...

OHP

HMMM.
A KIO IN LOVE WITH AIKAWA... ♡
WHAT DOES "HE"...
... AND YOUR NOT GOING "RESTAURANT HOPPING"...

AS YOU KNOW, I ONLY BECAME INTERESTED IN AIKAWA AFTER HE DECLARED HIS LOVE.
YOU LIKED SMALLER GUYS UP TIL THEN, RIGHT?
I JUST STARTED TO THINK THAT HE'S CUTE...
YEAH.

I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I'M CHASING AIKAWA, AND I HATE IT.
AND ACTING LIKE A RIVAL...
TO A KIO THAT AIKAWA ISN'T EVEN AWARE OF IS PRETTY CHILDISH.

HEY.
FURUYA... AND...
OKOUCHI...
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!
YES. FURUYA-SAN, OR SOME-THING, RIGHT?
HELLO AGAIN.
WHY DOESN'T HE THINK BEFORE HE SPEAKS?
AND HE'S A BAD ACTOR.
AFTER ALL, THE MORE THE MERRIER.
... WHY DON'T WE HANG OUT TOGETHER?

HUH?
CAN I TAKE A LITTLE MORE ADVANTAGE OF THAT BROTHER-HOOD?
KANAME-SAN, LOOK!
LET'S GO ON THE RAFT SLIDE!
RAFT? IS IT FOR TWO?
YEAH!
LET'S TAKE A RIDE.

SO WE'LL BE HANGING OUT BY OURSELVES.
TODAY HE'S ON A DATE WITH ME.
SEE YA!
AH...
I THINK YOUR GAME PLAN WAS FLAWED...
YOU CHOSE THE WRONG GUY.
AIKAWA...
WHY DID HE LOOK LIKE HE WAS GOING TO CRY...?
SORRY, FURUYA...
I'M SORRY...
BUT TODAY...
WAI...
AIKAWA, WHAT...
YOU HEARD HIM.
YANK

I...
... I LOVE YOU, KANAME-SAN.
I REALLY LOVE YOU.
SQUEEZE
RYUNEI-KUN...
THEN YOU...
FURUYA...
I DIDN'T THINK HE AND OKOUCHI WERE THAT CLOSE.
I'M SORRY... I RUINED THE MOOD...
ARE YOU OKAY, KANAME-SAN?
MM...
HA HA.
THANKS, RYUNEI-KUN.
I'D ALMOST GOTTEN MY HOPES UP...
HE'S ASKED ME OUT A LOT LATELY,
YOU'VE GOT ME.

I'VE ALWAYS LOVED FURUYA.
I'VE ALWAY
SINCE HIGH SCHOOL,
I'M SORRY, RYUHEI-KUN.

I'M SORRY.
I'VE...
...BEEN SO VERY DENSE.
I'M REALLY SORRY...
BUT...

BOMF
I THINK WE'LL QUIT FOR TODAY.
JUST CHEER UP FOR NEXT WEEK.
I DID.
BUT I DIDN'T THINK I HAD NO CHANCE AT ALL.
WHO ARE YOU CALLING PSEUDO? ZL
SAVING LL STOP TODAY YOU NT TO LLOW PAIN.
THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY TO A KID IN PAIN?
YOU PSEUDO TUTOR.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT TODAY'S LESSON?
SO YOU WERE TURNED DOWN.
IT'S NO SURPRISE YOU FEEL DEPRESSED.
WELL,
YOU PUT SO MUCH INTO IT,
SIGH
BUT, REALLY,
DIDN'T YOU THINK THIS WOULD END UP THIS WAY?
SENSEI,
WILL YOU...
...HELP CHEER ME UP?

CAN YOU DO SOMETHING, KEIJI?
GLANCE
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, CAPTAIN.
YOU'RE NOT YOURSELF TODAY.
ARE YOU OKAY?
HUH?
NO... SORRY, I JUST ZONED OUT.
IS SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
FURUYA-SAN,
WELL, YOU COULD SAY THAT.
IDIOT! NO NEED TO GO THAT FAR!
OKAY.
TAKE 10, GUYS.
GOONG
IT'S GOOD OF HIM TO SHOW UP, BUT...
GAZE...
WHAT'S UP WITH FURUYA-SAN?

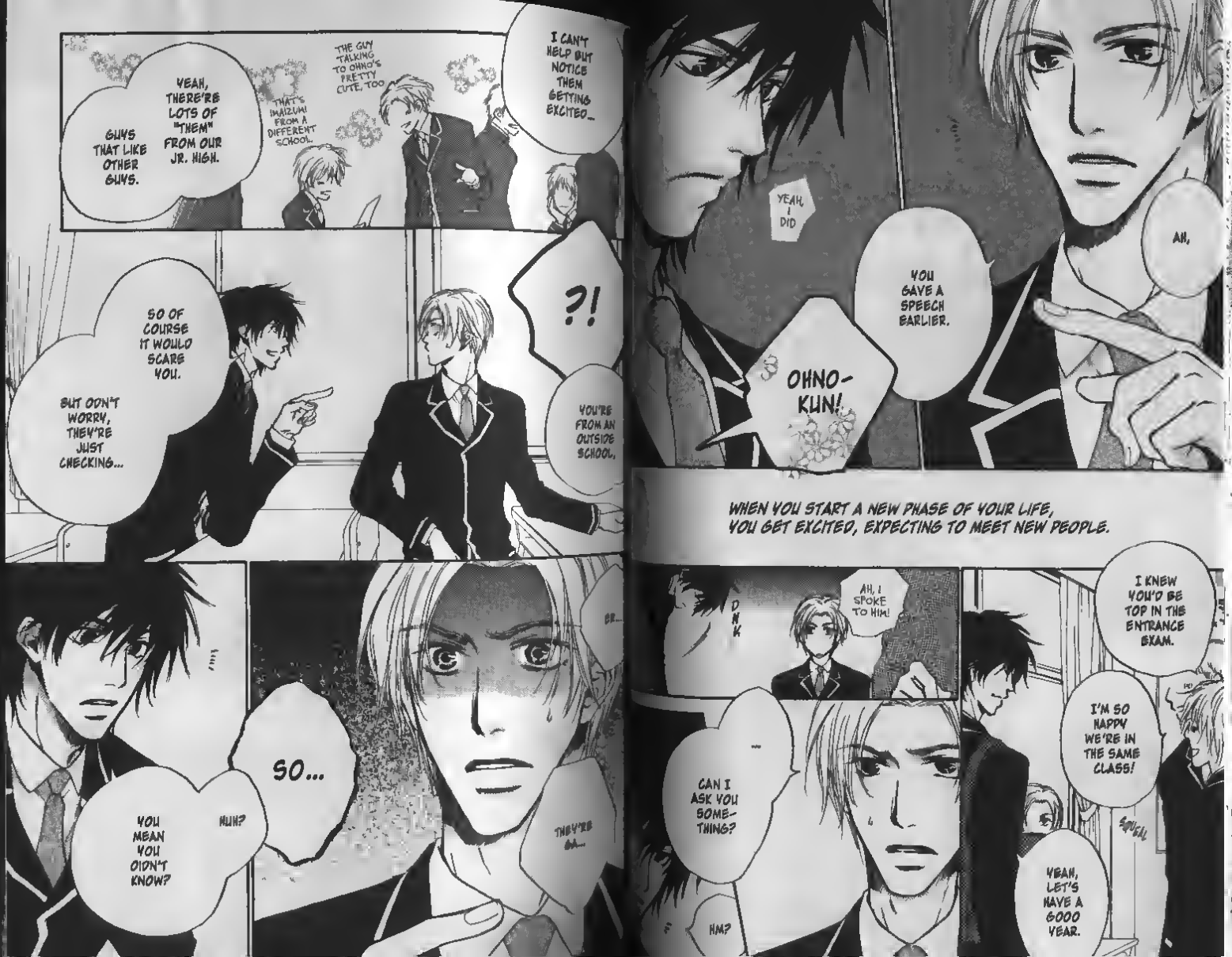
I'VE JUST BEEN SITTING AROUND, HAVEN'T I?
BUT IF YOU'RE JUST SATISFIED WITH HIS CONFESSION...
YOU'LL PAY THE PENALTY LATER.
WHENEVER I COME BY TO HELP OUT HE'S ALWAYS HERE.
ALWAYS
AH! THERE YOU ARE!
THANKS FOR HIDING HIM WHERE NO ONE CAN FIND HIM!
THAT DAMN HEIJI.
USE LESS.
ANSWER MY QUESTIONS IN 20 WORDS OR LESS!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WHAT?
SHUT UP!
WHA...
I SUPPOSE SO.
I'LL GIVE IT A TRY
YEAH!!
IT'S PROBABLY NICE AND COOL IN THE MAIN HALL.
SOMETIMES I FIND IT'S EASIER TO THINK WHEN I'M WALKING.
AIKAWA MISUNDERSTOOD THE TWO OF US BEING TOGETHER
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D BE ABSENT...
I THOUGHT I'D COME HERE, FIND AIKAWA AND EXPLAIN THINGS.
SCRATCH SCRATCH

KANAME-SAN TOLD ME HE WANTS YOU,
NOT THAT I UNDERSTAND WHY.
AIKAWA...
AH...
RYUHEI-KU...
OF COURSE...
WELL, THEN,
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF KANAME-SAN?
I LOVE HIM!!
THAT 'OKOUCHI' GUY... ARE YOU SEEING HIM?
HIM!
HE'S JUST A FRIEND!
YOU THOUGHT YOU'D JUST SWITCH FROM KANAME-SAN TO HIM.
WHO DID?!
HEY, STOP!!
I DON'T WANT TO HELP TODAY.
JUST HURRY UP!
HAAH. JUST IN TIME
AIKAWA...
AH...

I LOVED HIM, THAT'S ALL.
I DON'T SEE THE DIFFER-ENCE.
AND SO, MY FIRST LOVE ENDED.
SPRING
AND NOW, AN INTRO-DUCTION OF OUR NEW STUDENTS
RYUHEI OHNO, FROM I-E
CHEER RIGHT UP,
I WILL!
YOU'LL SEE.
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL EVER CHEER UP?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE DAZZLED IN THE SAME WAY YOU WOULD ADMIRE AN OLDER WOMAN
I GUESS I WAS WRONG
WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE TAKEN BY AIKAWA,

TELL HER I POLITELY DECLINE.
'HER FRIENDS WANT TO HEAR ALL ABOUT HARU-CHAN AND NANASE-SAN'S RELATIONSHIP'.
OH YEAH, SIS SAYS...
TSUGUHARU TAIRA = HEJI = HARU-CHAN.
IS IT THANKS TO THIS TUTOR I'VE HEARD ABOUT?
IT'S FROM MY GOD GIVEN ABILITY.
*HEARD ABOUT? MY SISTER HAS SUCH A BIG MOUTH...
SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU.
AH I'VE GOT TO GET GOING.
SEE YOU.
1-E
HEY,
HUH?
ARE WE SEATED IN ROLL-CALL ORDER?
LET'S SEE, MY SEAT...

I ENTERED KINSEI HIGH SCHOOL,
WHERE IT'S RUMOURED THAT 90% OF THE STUDENTS ARE GAY (OR BI).
CHATTER
HE'S IN 1-E? DAMN.
HE IS PRETTY COOL.
OHNO-KUN'S OUR VALEDICTORIAN.
CHATTER
CHATTER
I SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED DIFFERENT SCHOOLS. BUT I CHOSE PROXIMITY IN THE END.
TODAY'S JUST THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
HUH?
I HAD A MEETING ABOUT OUR CLUB INTRODUCTION TOMORROW. SINCE I'M THE CAPTAIN
RYUHEI.
... TO BE THE VALEDICTORIAN...
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE GROWN SO QUICKLY.
... I WONDER? MY JOINTS HURT.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TALL I AM.
WHO'S HE WITH? A SENIOR?
IT'S OHNO.
BUT FOR YOU...


I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THEM GETTING EXCITED...
THE GUY TALKING TO OHNO'S PRETTY CUTE, TOO
THAT'S IMAIZUMI FROM A DIFFERENT SCHOOL.
YEAH, THERE'RE LOTS OF "THEM" FROM OUR JR. HIGH.
GUYS THAT LIKE OTHER GUYS.
?!
YOU'RE FROM AN OUTSIDE SCHOOL.
SO OF COURSE IT WOULD SCARE YOU.
BUT DON'T WORRY, THEY'RE JUST CHECKING...
AH,
YOU GAVE A SPEECH EARLIER.
YEAH, I DID
OHNO-KUN!
WHEN YOU START A NEW PHASE OF YOUR LIFE, YOU GET EXCITED, EXPECTING TO MEET NEW PEOPLE.
I KNEW YOU'D BE TOP IN THE ENTRANCE EXAM.
I'M SO HAPPY WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS!
YEAH, LET'S HAVE A GOOD YEAR.
AH, I SPOKE TO HIM!
D N K
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
HM?
SO...
YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
HUH?

HEEERE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RAISE YOUR HAND EITHER.
RYUHEI OHNO
NEXT.
WAS HE THROWN OFF BY OUR CONVERSATION?
GUESS I REALLY SHOULD EXPECT SOMETHING OUT OF THIS, RIGHT?

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'THE BOY'S SCHOOL WHERE IT'S RUMORED THAT 90% OF THE STUDENTS ARE GAY.'
IT'S MADE PRETTY CLEAR IN THE SCHOOL'S 'OTHER' LITERATURE.
OTHER...?
ORDINARY CRUSH 1
ORDINARY CRUSH 2

YOU CAN JUST BE FRIENDS W- PEOPLE.
THERE ARE GUYS HERE WHO LIKE GIRLS (NOT MANY THOUGH)
HIS REACTION IS REFRESHING..
YOU DON'T NEED TO ACT LIKE [illegible]..

BUT IF YOU EXPECT TOO MUCH, THINGS MIGHT NOT GO SO WELL.

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WHAT'S THIS? ASSISTANT CANDIDATES?
CORRECT.
YOU'RE STILL THINKING IT OVER?
CLICK
IRIYA, 1-A... POSSIBLY.
SUZUKI, 1-C... MAYBE.
SAKASHITA, 1-C... POSSIBLY.
UMI AND FANGIRL MOMENTS
I HEARD YOUR BROTHER REALLY GREW!
AND HE WAS TURNED DOWN BY HIS TUTOR?
WOW, WHERE'D YOU HEAR THAT?
CHANGED HAIR STYLE
WHAT A WASTE!
I THOUGHT WE HAD AN AGE DIFFERENCE AND A SHORTER, YOUNGER SEME ON OUR HANDS.
WE HAVE A CLASSIC, BLACK HAIRED, MISCHIEVOUS UKE!
I CAN'T WAIT!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
HA HA!
RYUHEI IS TOTALLY THE SEME.
THE WEIGHT OF A SISTER'S WORDS...
LEIJI, YOU WANT SOMEONE TALENTED, RIGHT?
I GUESS.
HE'S CUTE, SMART AND PEOPLE LIKE HIM. HE WAS EVEN POPULAR IN HIGH SCHOOL.
AND I THINK HE'S ATTRACTIVE, TOO.
KAHA, YOU'RE RIGHT
CLICK
WHAT IS THERE TO THINK ABOUT?
IT HAS TO BE RYUHEI OHNO FROM 1-B

BUT IT'S THE VICE PRESIDENT, NOZE, WHO'LL BE WORKING WITH HIM, REALLY.
HEY! WAIT!
WHY SHOULD I?
NO WAAAY... LEIJI! ♡
IF NOZE WANTS SOME-ONE,
THEN I DON'T CARE WHO IT IS.
CLK
OF COURSE, OHNO IS ON THE LIST.
BUT THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE FROM 1-E, TOO.
UNTIL YOU TALK TO THEM, YOU NEVER KNOW.
SO I'M THINKING OF DOING JUST THAT.
NOZE IS THE TYPE
WHO LIKES TO SAVE THE BEST FOR LAST.
HE'S THE TYPE WHO EATS HIS FAVORITE FOOD LAST.
YOU GUYS ARE ALIKE.
NO. I'M THE TYPE WHO ONLY EATS HIS FAVORITE FOODS. ♡
生徒会室
STUDENT COUNCIL
HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOT-TEN...

WE'LL NEED TO CHOOSE 3 GROUP LEADERS.
BEFORE WE SPLIT YOU INTO GROUPS.
THIS FRIDAY SATURDAY O THE GROUND OF THE UNIVERS
WE'LL BE HAVING A RECREATIONAL GET-TOGETHER FOR FIRST YEARS.
クリエ
CLK
CLK
YOU CAN VOLUNTEER OR BE NOMINATED.
AH,
SO HE CAN'T BE NOMINATED
OHNO-KUN WILL BE OVER SEEING THE PRO CEEDINGS
A RECREA-TIONAL GET-TOGETHER...
4月●日
クリエーション
チームリーダー
GIVE US YOUR RECOMMEN-DATIONS
TAGAMI-KUN
... KUN
I THINK SAWAMURA WOULD BE GOOD.
I'LL DO IT.
IT'S JUST ONE NIGHT, BUT I'LL BE SPENDING THE NIGHT WITH EVERYONE...

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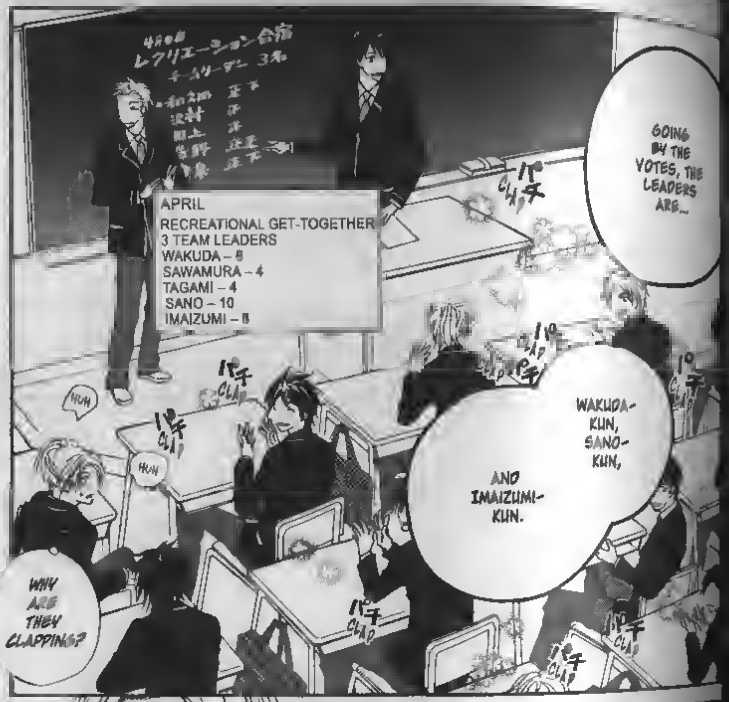
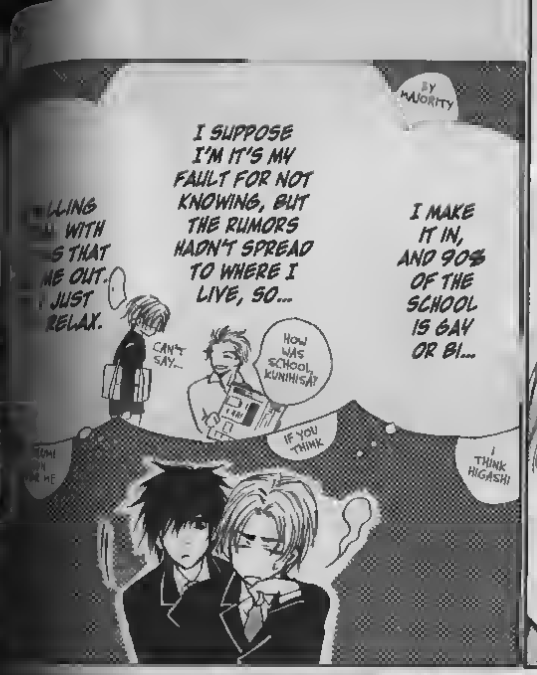

APRIL
RECREATIONAL GET-TOGETHER
3 TEAM LEADERS
WAKUDA – 8
SAWAMURA – 4
TAGAMI – 4
SANO – 10
IMAIZUMI – 8
GOING BY THE VOTES, THE LEADERS ARE...
WAKUDA-KUN, SANO-KUN,
AND IMAIZUMI-KUN.
HUH
HUH
WHY ARE THEY CLAPPING?

WELL...
WHAT EXACTLY DO GROUP LEADERS DO?
LIVELY...?
I THINK THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO KEEP THINGS LIVELY.
I HAVEN'T HEARD THE SPECIFICS YET, EITHER
LET'S DECIDE ON THE COOKING GROUP
ALL RIGHT, NOT

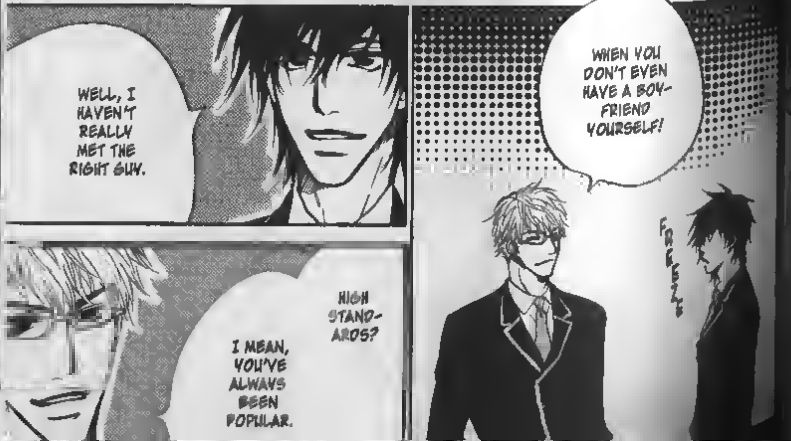

BY MAJORITY
I SUPPOSE I'M IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT KNOWING, BUT THE RUMORS HADN'T SPREAD TO WHERE I LIVE, SO...
I MAKE IT IN, AND 90% OF THE SCHOOL IS GAY OR BI...
LLING WITH S THAT ME OUT. JUST RELAX.
CAN'T SAY...
HOW WAS SCHOOL, KUNIHISA?
IF YOU THINK
I THINK HIGASHI
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING...

THEY'RE ABOUT TO DECIDE. ARE YOU OKAY WITH IT?
HUH?
HEY, IMAIZUMI.

I JUST WANT HIM TO GET USED TO THE CLASS.
I GUESS.
WANT ME TO PUT YOUR BROOMS AWAY?
AH
THANKS OHNO!
THANKS.
I'M NOZE, FROM 2-F.
YOU GOT A MOMENT, OHNO-KUN?
HE...
AH, THERE HE IS.
SO, HAVE YOU FINISHED CLEANING?
CLANK
TAKING OUT THE TRASH?
HUH?
REALLY?
NO, I'M FINE ON MY OWN.
ON YOUR OWN?
NEED A HAND?
YEAH, BUT YOU'RE JUST ENJOYING HIS REACTIONS, KAWAHARA.
NO WAY!
HE'S STILL GUARDED.
AH- SORRY...
HMM.
WAH!
CLANK

HOW'S IT GOING FOR THEM?
THE STORY I HEARD FOCUSED ON YOU,
BUT THEY DID GET TOGETHER, SO I SUPPOSE IT WENT WELL.
HUH?
WHAT WERE THEIR NAMES...
YOU HELPED TWO COLLEGE SENIORS GET TOGETHER

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIKED TO MEDDLE INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S AFFAIRS...
SO IT DID GO WELL...


WELL, I HAVEN'T REALLY MET THE RIGHT GUY.
WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A BOYFRIEND YOURSELF!
FREEZE
I MEAN, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN POPULAR.
HIGH STANDARDS?

ARE YOU HITTING ON ME?
HA HA
WELL, NOW THAT I'VE SEEN YOU IN THE FLESH,
I JUST WANTED TO CHAT WITH THE NEW GUY EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT.
NO NEED TO WORRY.
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT?

...
YEP.
CANDID PICTURES.
HA HA HA
IN THE FLESH...
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN PICTURES OF ME.

...? PLAYING... CUPID?
AND THAT YOU'RE A GREAT GUY FOR PLAYING CUPID.
LIKE, YOU WERE ALWAYS CUTE BUT IN YOUR THIRD YEAR YOU SUDDENLY GREW TALLER AND BECAME A HOTTIE.

I'M KYOUGO NOZE FROM 2-F.
DON'T LOOK SO SCARED.
I NEED TO SPEAK TO YOU TOO, SO I WAS WAITING.
... RIGHT.
COME COME
THEN WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT...
I CAN FINALLY GET TO THE POINT.
AH.
KUNIHISA IMAIZUMI-KUN?
EH?
YES.
I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT
ARE YOU TWO INTERESTED IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL?
SOME-ONE WITH PIERCING EYES,
WELL, I HAVE HIGH STANDARDS, TOO.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SEMPAI?
YOU SEEM POPULAR, BUT YOU'RE AFTER ME.
SO YOU MUSTN'T HAVE ANYONE
THK
THK
CLANK
AH...
IS THAT SO?
JUST AS I THOUGHT,
YOU'RE RIGHT IN MY STRIKE ZONE, OHNO-KUN.

OH, ONE MORE THING.
STOP
I'D LIKE YOU TO THINK ABOUT IT POSITIVELY.
I PERSONALLY THINK YOU TWO ARE THE BEST CANDIDATES.
IT MIGHT BE TOUGH ON YOU AS AN OUTSIDER, IMAIZUMI-KUN.
BUT THE GROUP LEADERS HAVE AN IMPORTANT JOB...
TO KEEP THINGS LIVELY, SO DO YOUR BEST.
I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT THAT EITHER.
YOU SAY 'INTERESTED', BUT I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE A WEEK.
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD GET USED TO THE SCHOOL FIRST?
SO...
WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE, OF COURSE.
OF COURSE.
BUT DON'T REFUSE WITHOUT THINKING IT OVER.
THE WAY OUR COUNCIL WORKS,
IS THAT WE SCOUT PROMISING FIRST YEARS IN THEIR FIRST TERM,
AND WE'RE JUST CHATTING WITH ALL OF THEM AT THE MOMENT.
WE ANNOUNCE WHO WE'RE OFFICIALLY NOMINATING IN MAY, AFTER THE STUDENT'S GENERAL MEETING.
WE'RE JUST ASKING YOU TO THINK ABOUT IT.
WHY DID HE HAVE TO ADD PRESSURE LIKE THAT...?
I'M NOT GETTING A GOOD VIBE... FROM HIM.
... SURE...

SO, DO YOU HAVE EVERYTHING FIGURED OUT YET?
YEAH... MOSTLY.
I SUPPOSE.
I JUST WANT HIM TO GET USED TO THE CLASS.
IT MIGHT REALLY BE TOUGH ON IMAIZUMI,
BUT IT'LL BE BETTER FOR HIM THAN JUST HANGING OUT AND NOT BEING INVOLVED.
TOUGH... WHAT DOES HE MEAN, TOUGH...?
HEY,
DO YOU REALLY NOT KNOW WHAT WE'LL BE DOING, OHNO?
JUST THAT IT'S A BIT LIKE A QUIZ.
I GUESS I COULD LOOK OUT FOR HIM.
I SEE...
... WILL APPARENTLY BE EXPLAINED BY THE PERSON IN CHARGE ON THE ACTUAL DAY.
THE PRECISE RULES...
THAT'S ALL
THESE EVENTS GET LEFT UP TO THE STUDENTS HERE, ANYWAY.
WE'RE OKAY AS LONG AS WE DON'T CROSS THE LINE.
PLEASE MOVE TO THE GYM AND LINE UP IN YOUR GROUPS.
BUT IS THIS PENALTY REALLY OKAY?
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.
WE GOT THE TEACHER'S PERMISSION.
WE'RE ABOUT TO BEGIN.
... OKAY THEN.
I MEAN, I'M SURE THIS WILL BE EXCITING, BUT...

BUT THE LEADERS OF THE LOSING TEAMS
THE WINNING TEAM GETS 50 FREE MEALS FROM THE CAFETERIA.
GO OVER THE TIME LIMIT OR ANSWER INCORRECTLY AND YOU'RE OUT. THE LAST TEAM LEFT WINS.
AFTER 30 SECONDS, THE LEADERS WILL HOLD UP THEIR ANSWER PADDLES.
YOU CAN CONFER AMONG YOUR TEAMMATES.
WE WIN FOOD?
HUH?
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING BETTER?
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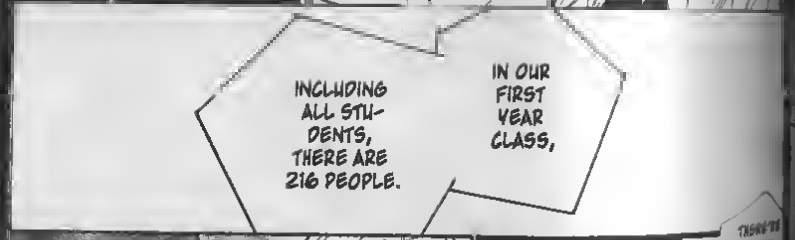
WILL UNDRESS ON THIS STAGE AS A PENALTY.
JUST THEIR SHIRTS, THOUGH.
OOH
IF YOU WIN YOU GET FED. IF YOU LOSE YOU GET NAKED.
I DON'T MIND. IF IT'S JUST MY TOP.
THIS IS CRAZY.
IS THIS REALLY ALLOWED?

IF IMAIZUMI HAS TO DO IT, IT REALLY WILL BE AN ORDEAL.
REPEAT.
PLEASE MOVE TO THE GYM AND LINE UP IN YOUR GROUPS
CLATTER
CLATTER
MAYBE TO MAKE US STAND OUT?
WHY ARE THE LEADERS IN UNIFORM?
IT WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN SWEATS
BUT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS A COMPETITIVE QUIZ.
AHEM. I'M OHNO FROM CLASS E.
YOU'VE PROBABLY GUESSED FROM THE TRUE(X) / FALSE(O) PADDLE YOUR LEADER IS HOLDING.
THE THEME IS 'HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL?', SO THAT'S WHAT THE QUESTIONS WILL BE ABOUT.

BAM!
THE STUDENT HAND-BOOK!!
I THINK IT'S IN HERE.
YEAH,
OH!
WHERE DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
GLANCE
TEAM-WORK IS THE KEY TO VICTORY.
SO EVERY-BODY, DO YOUR BEST!
!
WHAT...!
DID HE KNOW ABOUT THIS?
SO,
THE FIRST QUESTION.
THE COM-POSER OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL SONG,
'OUR SCHOOL BATHES IN GLORY', IS MASASHI SATA TRUE OR FALSE?
I DON'T KNOW THAT!
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE TITLE.
WAIT
WHISPER
WHISPER
PUFF
THE ANSWER IS FALSE
THE COMPOSER'S NAME IS MASASHI SAWA
WE'VE LOST 8 TEAMS IN ONE GO!
WOULD THE LOSING LEADERS PLEASE COME TO THE BACK OF THE STAGE!
AH.
WAKUDA-KUN'S ALREADY GONE FOR-WARD.
YOU KNOW HE'LL BE UP FOR THE PENALTY.
LUCKY YOU HAD THE HAND-BOOK ON YOU
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T CARRY IT AROUND?
NO WAY! STUDENT ID AT MOST

HERE'S THE QUESTION.
WILL WE HAVE A WINNER?
WE'VE COME THIS FAR, WE'LL WIN!
SO FREE MEALS!


INCLUDING ALL STUDENTS, THERE ARE 216 PEOPLE.
IN OUR FIRST YEAR CLASS,

LEADERS, RAISE YOUR PADDLES.
WE HAVE TO INCLUDE REPEATING STUDENTS, THOUGH.
SO 216 SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.
THERE'RE 36 IN OUR CLASS
IT COULD BE A TRICK QUESTION.
DO ALL CLASSES HAVE 36?
THAT'S TOO SIMPLE.
MUMBLE
WELL, TIME'S UP.
MUMBLE

I WOULDN'T WANT TO.
HA---
JUST KIDDING...
HAHA! MAYBE IMAIZUMI WANTS TO, TOO.
MAYBE HE ANSWERED WRONG BECAUSE HE WANTS TO STRIP.

I GUESS THAT WAS A BIT SASSY.
QUESTION 2
THERE ARE 6 CLASSES IN OUR 1 YEAR
KINSEI HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 95 YEARS.
FALSE. IT'S CROQUETTE.
OUR TOP SELLING SANDWICH IS YAKISOBA BREAD.
TRUE.
TAKI-SENSEI, TEACHER IN CHARGE OF OUR YEAR, TEACHES HISTORY.
KINSEI HIGH

WILL YOU BOTH PLEASE STAND
AND WE'RE DOWN TO TWO TEAMS...
IT'S A VS. E

IT'S PENALTY TIME!!
AND FINALLY,
GIVE 'EM WHAT THEY WANT, LEADERS. ☆
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OOH
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WHOOSH
...
THEY'RE UNDRESSING!
AND DANCING?!
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OOH
WHAT THE HELL'S UP WITH THIS EXCITEMENT?!
CONGRATULATIONS.
SO CLOSE!!
WE WERE NEARLY THERE.
SORRY, IMAIZUMI, WE DID SO WELL,
BUT NOW YOU HAVE TO PAY THE PENALTY.
WAH!!
IT'S OKAY, IT'S NOT JUST ME.
わあ!!
IT'S TRUE.

AH...
YOU GUYS...
REALLY WORRIED
DAMN, NOW IT'S EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.
STRIP!
STRIP!
STRIP!
SEE?
H...
HE'S FIRING THEM UP ON PURPOSE...
STRIP!
STRIP!
IT'S OKAY, IT'S NOT JUST ME.
THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S NOT JUST ME. AND IT'S JUST MY SHIRT.
SORRY YOU HAVE TO PAY THE PENALTY.
I'VE JUST GOT TO DO IT IN THE SPIRIT OF THINGS.
GULP
TOTALLY INTERESTED
IF I JUST TAKE IT OFF, IT'S OVER WITH!!!

CAME FROM AN OUTSIDE SCHOOL!
THIS CAN'T BE A PROPER HIGH SCHOOL EVENT!!
...LL HAVE ...EM ALL ...ING OUT ...E YOU IF ...M TAKE ...O LONG.
YEAH!
HMM?
TRYING TO TEASE US?
HUH?
NO IT'S...
HASN'T EVEN UNDONE A BUTTON!
THE LEADER FROM CLASS E WHO BATTLED TO THE END...

YOU DID A GREAT JOB.
WELL DONE,
HAHA, THANK YOU.
WOW... IT'S FINALLY OVER.
BUT PLEASE DON'T LEAVE THE BUILDING
YOU'RE FREE UNTIL LIGHTS OUT AT 10.
AND THAT'S ALL FOR NOW.
NOZE...?
NOZE FROM 2-F?
SPRING
I THINK YOU DID EVEN BETTER THAN NOZE DID LAST YEAR.
HOW WELL THE GAME GOES DEPENDS ON THE SKILL OF THE EMCEE.
YOU SHOULD GO TO YOUR ROOM TOO, OHNO. HANG OUT AND MAKE FRIENDS!
WELL, WE'RE LEAVING.
HE'S THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
ONE OF THE ONES WE DIDN'T GET TO
HE'S RIGHT!
THAT WAS EVEN ONE OF THE QUESTIONS, REMEMBER?
FLAP
WAS ACTUALLY
POSE!
FWIP
FWOOSH
OHNO...! YOU...!!!
A HA HA HA HA
CLAP
SO CUTE
SEE? THEY'RE LOVING IT.

YOU'RE BETTER FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE NOW.
IT WASN'T ALL BAD, WAS IT?
...
WHAT'S WRONG? IT SURE KEPT THINGS LIVELY.
EVEN SO...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE ME POSE LIKE THAT!
AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS, REGARDLESS OF MY FEELINGS?!
SAY WHAT YOU LIKE. WE'RE IN THE SAME ROOM.
... DON'T FOLLOW ME!
...
FW
STOMP
STOMP
YOU...
OHNO.
WHEN I ASKED YOU WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO, YOU KNEW ABOUT IT.
YOU KNOW, BUT YOU JUST WANTED PEOPLE TO LAUGH AT ME?!
THAT STUPID PENALTY!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
GUH
AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN STRANGE FOR ME TO PROTECT YOU, JUST BECAUSE THERE WAS A FORFEIT, RIGHT?
ANYWAY, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN RIGHT IF I'D TOLD PEOPLE, WOULD IT?
I KNEW THERE WAS A PENALTY, BUT I ONLY FOUND OUT WHAT IT WAS TODAY.
WAIT A MINUTE...

I EVEN HAD A TEACHER TELLING ME ABOUT IT.
SEEMS LIKE IT WAS A FESTIVE GET-TOGETHER.
AH...
THAT LOOKS FUN...
THE EVENTS MANAGER WAS FULL OF PRAISE FOR OHNO
HA HA.
I THINK WE NEED HIM FOR THE FUTURE OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL. ♡
BUT HIS RESPONSE WAS LESS THAN IDEAL?
HUH?
THERE YOU ARE IMAIZUMI!
YOU WENT TO GET OHNO?
HUH...?
NO..!
PERFECT TIMING.
KAWAHARA SMUGGLED IN SOME CARDS.
LET'S ALL PLAY.
WELL, IF WE'RE PLAYING WE'LL NEED TO DECIDE ON A FORFEIT.
SEE? CARDS.
HAHA, GOOD IDEA.

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HE DIDN'T SEEM INTERESTED.
BUT I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP HOPE.
IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE THEM BOTH TOGETHER.
IF I'M SUC-CESSFUL,
THEN YOU CAN PRAISE ME FOR IT, PRESIDENT KOZUE.
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HEY,
OUR VICE PRESIDENT.
AS THE SECOND AND THIRD S KNOW, TOOK THE ON IN YEAR'S TERM.
I'M FUMIAKI KOZUE.
I'M YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR THIS TERM.
MAY. STUDENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
BUT I'LL TRY MY BEST TO MAKE THIS TERM AS ENJOYABLE POSSIBLE FOR YOU
... IN CONTINUING THIS JOB.
THERE'S PRESSURE...
I'M KYOUGO NOZE, FROM 2-F.
AS WITH PRESIDENT KAZUE
I'M ENTERING MY SECOND TERM AS VICE PRESIDENT.
THANK YOU, AND GOOD LUCK.

HEY, HEY, ARE YOU FREE AFTER SCHOOL?
THUD
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
WAH...!
WILL YOU COME SHOPPING WITH ME?
HEY!
RYUHEI!!
OUR STUDENT COUNCIL HAS STRANGE WAYS OF DECIDING THINGS.
IT'S RARE THOUGH, ISN'T IT?
I GUESS THAT DOES HAPPEN.
CONSECUTIVE TERMS.
I THOUGHT USUALLY THEY WOULD CHANGE IT AROUND.
RIGHT? I MEAN, STAYING ON THE COUNCIL...
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, OHNO, IMAIZUMI...
HUH?
I GUESS YOU'LL ACCEPT?
A PRESENT FOR SHOU-SAN AGAIN?
SHOPPING?
YEP.
IT'S NOT CHRISTMAS OR VALENTINE'S DAY, SO WHAT IS IT?
IT'S HIS BIRTHDAY!
HE WAS BORN IN MAY?
YEAH, IT'S NEXT WEEK!

OF THE JOB?
I'D LIKE TO DECIDE AFTER I HEAR THE DETAILS.
ONNO-... ALREADY LEFT?
YES.
SHOPPING WITH A FRIEND
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HAVE YOU HAD TIME TO THINK ABOUT OUR CONVER-SATION?
IT'S OKAY...
YES, BUT...
... I'D ALSO LIKE TO KNOW THE REASON WHY YOU ASKED ME
... I SEE
EVERYONE IN THE CURRENT COUNCIL HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT KINSEI, CORRECT?
BUT I'M FROM AN OUTSIDE SCHOOL, AND I DON'T REALLY STAND OUT.
ONNO'S BEEN WELL KNOWN SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
SO I UNDER-STAND WHY YOU ASKED HIM.
I DON'T HAVE TO, AND I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
A CLUB...
1-E
I'VE GOT TO GO TO MY CLUB.
YEAH.
BYE-BYE.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY'RE REALLY GOING TO ASK ME.
WHAT WILL ONNO DO...
I SHOULD GET THE DETAILS.
IMAIZUMI!
IT'S THE VICE PRESI-DENT.

ANOTHER REASON IS PRECISELY THAT YOU COME FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL.
INTELLI-GENCE AND GOOD LOOKS.
THAT'S THE FIRST REASON.
SO I WANT YOU INVOLVED BECAUSE I THINK IT'S TIME FOR... A CHANGE IN THE WIND.
YOU'VE PROBABLY REALIZED THAT THE PEOPLE WE RECRUIT FORM THE BASIS OF THE NEXT COUNCIL,
AND IF YOU LOOK BACK THROUGH HISTORY, OUR COUNCIL FOLLOWS A PATTERN OF CENTERING AROUND PEOPLE ORIGINALLY FROM KINSEI.
THAT'S THE SECOND REASON.
SOME-HOW.
I FEEL MORE PRESSURE NOW THAT I'VE HEARD THAT.
DON'T YOU FEEL IT WOULD BE WORTH DOING?
I'M ASKING YOU AND OHNO TO ASSIST THE VICE PRESIDENT,
BEHIND THE SCENES, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE ASSIST-ANTS TO COUNCIL MEMBERS, AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL MEMBERS THEM-SELVES.
YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT.
LET'S START WITH THE DETAILS OF THE JOB.
PRESIDENT
ASSISTANT
ALSO, YOU PLACED HIGHEST IN THE TRANSFER TEST FOR OUTSIDE STUDENTS.
AS FOR WHY I ASKED YOU...
WHAT?!
HUH?
YOU PROBABLY DON'T REALIZE IT,
BUT YOU STAND OUT, IN YOUR OWN WAY.
... IS THAT REALLY TRUE...?
I DIDN'T KNOW.

I THINK I'M A PRETTY GOOD JUDGE OF CHARACTER.
SO WILL YOU BELIEVE IN ME, AND ACCEPT?
HUH?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, NOZE-SEMPAI?
I'M MORE SUITED TO A SUB-POSITION.
AND IT'S FUN TO HELP TRAIN THE FRESHMEN WHO WILL MAKE UP THE NEXT COUNCIL.
INDEED
BETWEEN YOU AND ME, OUR YEAR WAS A BAD LOT.
WE HAVE NO ONE SUITABLE
SO THAT'S WHY KOZUE IS STILL THE PRESIDENT.
AND SO, OHNO AND I...?

'MADE IT SOUND'?
WHAT EXACTLY DID HE TELL YOU?
AND IT DOESN'T FEEL TOO BAD...
...TO HAVE PEOPLE EXPECTING SOMETHING OF YOU.
1-E
HUH?
HAVE YOU ALREADY GIVEN YOUR ANSWER?
HAVE YOU ALREADY ACCEPTED?
HE WANTS YOUR ANSWER ABOUT THE COUNCIL.
HE ASKED IF YOU'D GO TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM AT BREAK TIME.
YOU'RE ALREADY HERE.
OH?
KRAB
YEAH.
...

SORRY I'M LATE.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A SEAT?
I'M FINE.
I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE TALKING FOR TOO LONG.
HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO IMAIZUMI?
I HAVE
INDEED.
I'D BE VERY HAPPY IF YOU AGREE TO IT, TOO.
IS IT ONLY ME AND IMAIZUMI...
--THAT YOU'VE ASKED TO BE ASSISTANTS?
YES, YOU'RE THE ONLY TWO I'VE SPOKEN TO.
WHY THE TWO OF US?
THE BOTTOM LINE, SEMPAI, IS THAT YOU WANT TO TRAIN SOMEONE TO BE THE NEXT STUDENT PRESIDENT
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I THINK YOU ONLY NEED ONE PERSON.
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH HAVING MORE TALENTED PEOPLE IN THE COUNCIL?
EITHER YOU OR IMAIZUMI...
BOTH OF YOU COULD DO THE JOB, THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU.
DO YOU MEAN THAT WE BOTH FIT THE VISION IN YOUR HEAD SEMPAI?
WELL, YOU COULD PUT IT LIKE THAT.

HUH...
FOR SOME REASON, I JUST DON'T LIKE YOU
I'VE DECIDED.
I'LL PASS.
THAT...
... SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE NOT EXPECTING MUCH FROM IMAIZUMI HIMSELF
TO BE HONEST, THOUGH,
THE TWO OF US ARE PRETTY DIFFERENT.
...
I DON'T KNOW HOW TALENTED IMAIZUMI IS...
... BUT HE'S REALLY STARTING TO BELIEVE...
... IN YOUR 'WORTH DOING' SPEECH.
IF YOU'RE IGNORING THAT, THEN I'VE GOT NOTHING MORE TO SAY.
ANO IMAIZUMI IS A STAR... THE TYPE WHO'LL GET PEOPLE AROUND HIM TO STAND UP AND DEFEND HIM.
BUT I THINK YOU BOTH HAVE QUALITIES EVERYONE LOVES.
YOU'VE GOT THE CHARISMA THAT DRAWS EVERYONE TO YOU, OHNO-KUN.

CLANK
WHA...?!
AH, OHNO!
WHY?
IT DIDN'T REALLY APPEAL TO ME.
...
I REFUSED.
DID YOU ACCEPT THE...
ANO SO,
KRRR
WAIT.
1-E
MAYBE HE HAS THE CHARM TO INFLUENCE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER...?
OH WELL...
HUH.
HUH?
NO... IT'S NOTHING.
IMAIZUMI, THAT VICE PRESIDENT...

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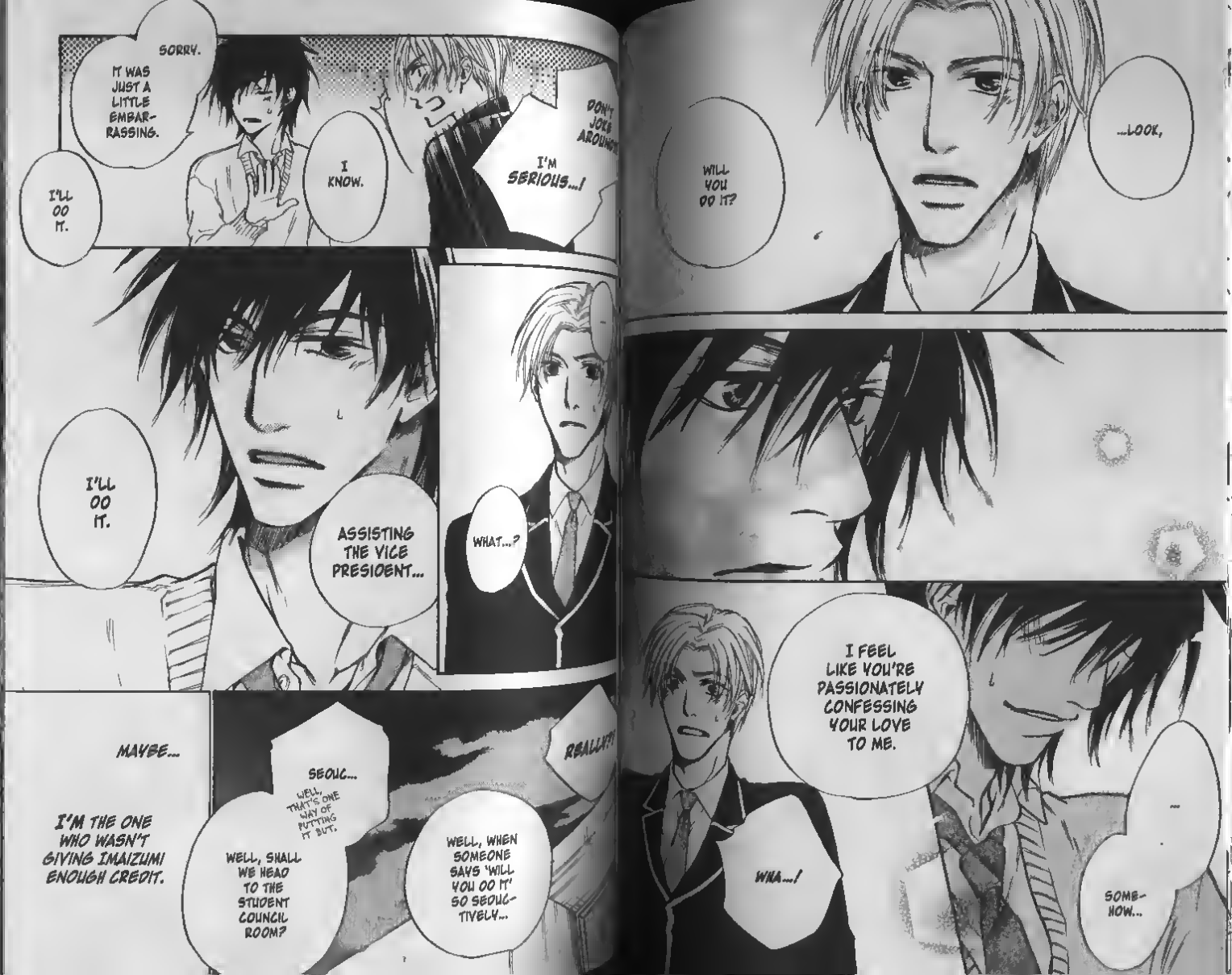
WHAAAT?
OHNO GAVE YOU THE BRUSH-OFF?
I'M VERY SORRY.
HE GOT ANNOYED OVER SOMETHING I DIDN'T CONSIDER.
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT SO MUCH.
BUT I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO ORDERING HIM AROUND.
ORDERING...?
AND WHY IS HE PLAYING WITH ME?
SORRY
WELL, I DIDN'T MEAN TO.
YOU SAID SOMETHING CARELESS AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
ALMOST FINISHED
NO THAT'S NOT
UM... COULD YOU LET GO NOW?
YOU DO THAT ALL THE TIME.
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL.
UNTIL THEN, WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T JOIN ANOTHER BUSY CLUB.
NOZE, ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO AFTER HIM AGAIN?
IT'S DIFFICULT TO GIVE UP ON SOMEONE WITH HIS APPEAL.
I THOUGHT I'D TRY AGAIN ONCE HE COOLS DOWN.
YOU BET.

YEAH, AND...
OH, HIM.
YOU KNOW, THE LEADER OF THE TEAM WE WERE AGAINST AT THE END OF THE QUIZ.
HONDA FROM 1-A IS PRETTY POPULAR.
UH-HUH, UH-HUH.
AND SUZUKI FROM 1-C.
I THINK IT'S JUST YOU, KAWAHARA.
HAYASHI FROM THE SOCCER CLUB IS REALLY CUTE ♡
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
HAAA...
OH, THAT PRESENT WE CHOSE TOGETHER,
SHOU-SAN REALLY LIKED IT.
I WONDER WHAT HE WAS DOING.
THE VICE PRESIDENT MUST HAVE ASKED HIM TO FIND MY REPLACEMENT.
WELL, I GUESS HE'S A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL NOW. IF THEY ASK HIM TO DO SOMETHING, THEN HE'LL DO IT.
DINING HALL
HUH?
HE REALLY STANDS OUT. EVERYONE'S WONDERING WHAT HE'S DOING.
I'VE SEEN HIM AROUND A LOT LATELY.
RYUNGI, THAT GUY IN YOUR CLASS... WHO SITS IN FRONT OF YOU... IMAIZUMI?
DO YOU KNOW ANY-THING?
... NOT AT ALL.
CLUBS? THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THAT.
AND ANYWAY, HE JUST DECIDED TO JOIN THE COUNCIL.
WHA...?
THE ONE WHO WAS POPULAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?
WAIT A MINUTE...?

I'VE SEEN A FEW PEOPLE WHO MIGHT FIT THE BILL...
BUT NOT ONE...
...WHO JUMPS OUT AT ME
AND...
THERE ARE A FEW WHO STAND OUT IN THEIR OWN WAYS,
BUT THEY'RE MOSTLY CAUGHT UP IN THEIR OWN CLUB ACTIVITIES.
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE WHO COMPARES TO OHNO.
IN MY OPINION, IT HAS TO BE OHNO.
GOOD LOOKS, CLEVER, BUT DOWN TO EARTH.
NO WONDER HE'S POPULAR.
HE'S NOT A BAD ATHLETE, EITHER.
AND IT EXPLAINS WHY THE COUNCIL WANTS HIM.

HE STILL DOESN'T KNOW THAT HE REALLY STANDS OUT...
EVEN THOUGH THE COUNCIL APPROACHED HIM.
HUH?
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
IF YOU'VE GONE THAT FAR,
THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY TO ME NOW
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL ME THAT NOBODY ELSE WANTED TO DO IT.
WE CAN'T JUST HAVE ANYONE, THAT'S WHY I WANT TO TALK.
CREE
SO YOU'RE JUST THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ERRAND BOY?
...SAYS THEY WANT YOU TO JOIN
EVERYONE ELSE IN THE COUNCIL...
THE GUYS ON CLEANING DUTY ARE STILL IN THE CLASSROOM,
AND I'D LIKE TO KEEP THIS PRIVATE.
IMAIZUMI.
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TALK,
BUT WHY THE ROOF?
I DON'T THINK SO.
I DON'T WANT TO RISK HAVING PEOPLE THINK WE'RE FLIRTING.
KU-CHINK
IS IT ABOUT THE STUDENT COUNCIL?

YOU TOLD ME THAT IT JUST DIDN'T APPEAL TO YOU...
BUT YOU WANTED TO KNOW WHAT NOZE-SEMPAI HAD SAID TO ME,
AND HE SAID THAT HE GOT YOU 'ANNOYED'.
I'M HERE OF MY OWN ACCORD.
AND IT WAS MY DECISION TO LOOK FOR YOUR REPLACE-MENT.
NOZE-SEMPAI DID THE SAME THING BEFORE HE ASKED US,
BUT I THOUGHT I'D TRY MYSELF.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ANNOYED YOU.
BUT THAT MEANS YOU DID GO TO TALK TO HIM, DIDN'T YOU?
SO EVEN IF YOU ONLY HAD THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST, I'D LIKE YOU TO RECON-SIDER.
I'VE ALSO REALIZED THAT IT HAS TO BE YOU.
AND,


SORRY.
IT WAS JUST A LITTLE EMBARRASSING.
I'LL DO IT.
I KNOW.
DON'T JOKE AROUND!
I'M SERIOUS...!
I'LL DO IT.
ASSISTING THE VICE PRESIDENT...
WHAT...?
MAYBE...
I'M THE ONE WHO WASN'T GIVING IMAIZUMI ENOUGH CREDIT.
SEDUC...
WELL, THAT'S ONE WAY OF PUTTING IT BUT.
WELL, SHALL WE HEAD TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM?
REALLY?!
WELL, WHEN SOMEONE SAYS 'WILL YOU DO IT' SO SEDUCTIVELY...
WILL YOU DO IT?
...LOOK,
I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE PASSIONATELY CONFESSING YOUR LOVE TO ME.
WHA...!
...
SOMEHOW...

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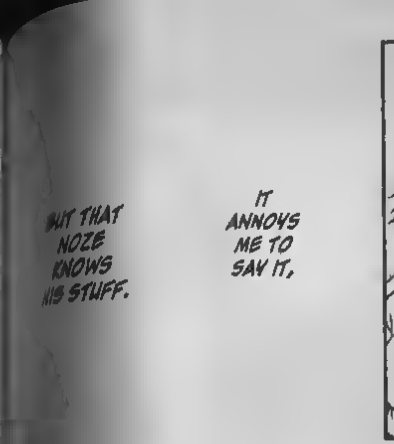
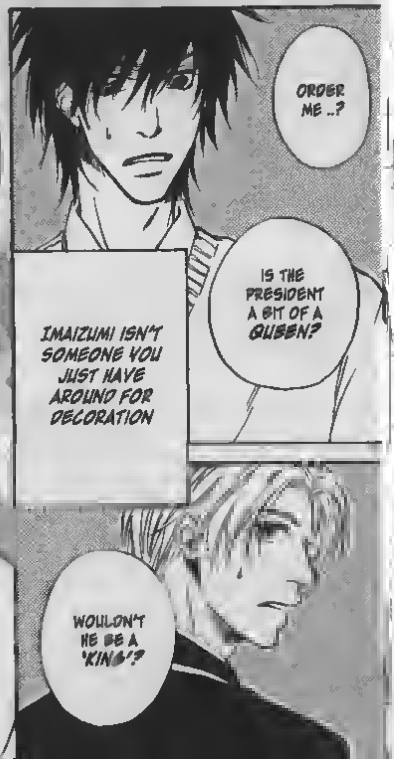
RYUHEI OHNO (1-B)
BEFORE YOU SIT DOWN,
I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU.
ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT
KUNIHISA IMAIZUMI (1-A)



BUT THAT NOZE KNOWS HIS STUFF.

IT ANNOYS ME TO SAY IT,



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HE'S LYING, SO JUST IGNORE HIM, IMAIZUMI.
KUNI CHAN~
WHA ...?
PAT PAT
IN THIS COUNCIL, NEW MEMBERS SIT ON THE SENIORS' LAPS AND...
LET'S DEEPEN OUR FRIENDSHIP, KUNI-CHAN
LEIJI... YOU CAN REALLY BE BORING, YOU KNOW
THEY'RE NOT PURE FOREVER. SHOULDN'T WE ENJOY THEM NOW?
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN TEASING THE FIRST YEARS LIKE YOU.
... OR IS IT...
... THAT YOU'RE NOT COMFORTABLE...
THEN KEEP QUIET!

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IN TRUTH...
LEIJI AND I...
NO, THAT'S ALL RIGHT!
YOU'RE A COUNCIL MEMBER NOW, SO I THINK I SHOULD TELL YOU
NOZE-SEMPAI, LET ME HELP WITH THOSE FILES.
SEEING KUNI-CHAN SITTING ON MY LAP?
KOZUE...
POINT
HMM?
ARE YOU CURIOUS...
SE...
ARE SEX BUDDIES. ♡
I'M FINE, THANK YOU!!
NOT NECES-SARY!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MEN HAVE SEX TOGETHER?
SHALL I TELL YOU?

LET'S GET TO THE CLUB, THEN.
SURE.
SATISFIED, KOZUE?
YEP.
KARA CLANK
LATER.
DO YOUR BEST YOU TWO. SEE YOU
PRESIDENT KOZUE,
I DON'T WANT MY ASSISTANT QUITTING DUE TO SEXUAL HARASSMENT.
COULD YOU LEAVE IT AT THAT?
AND COFFEE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT.
OOLONG TEA FOR SUMIYOSHI-SAN AND IMAIZUMI.
MILK FOR THE PRESIDENT.
I'VE GOT THE DRINKS!
I'LL HAVE STRAWBERRY MILK.
HERE'S THE CHANGE
WHY WAS HE HERE?
NOZE-SSHIN, THE PRESIDENT.
I HAVE A... DULL JOB FOR THE TWO OF YOU.
THAT'S HIS WAY OF ENCOURAGING YOU.
THIS IS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT, TOO
コーヒー

SILENCE
...
FWIP
HE GIVES US INSTRUCTIONS AND THEN GOES HOME?
HE DID SAY WE'D BE DOING CHORES,
BUT THIS FEELS LIKE HE'S DUMPING WORK ON US TO SUIT HIMSELF.
SO,
LET'S MOVE TO THE JOB AT HAND.
YOU'LL GET USED TO IT SOON ENOUGH.
BEFORE THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING,
HE NEED TO CHOOSE GUEST LECTURERS FOR NEXT MONTH'S [illegible] ROOM
...
BUT I GUESS.
IMAIZUMI DOESN'T SEE IT THAT WAY.
SO SERIOUS...
いちごミル

...BUT I GUESS IT WOULDN'T HURT TO PLAY ALONG WITH IMAIZUMI,
...AND BE SERIOUS.
VEAH, PRETTY MUCH.
WE TOOK SO LONG RESEARCHING THAT TEACHER...
UNEXPECTED
WOW, IT'S DARK OUTSIDE.
YEAH, BUT NOW WE HAVE PLENTY OF CANDIDATES.
TOMORROW, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO NARROW THINGS DOWN.
TRUE.
...
WHAT...?
STARE
OH...
REALLY?
THAT'S SOME CONCENTRATION YOU'VE GOT THERE.
I DON'T REALLY LIKE HEARING IT FROM OTHER PEOPLE.
YEAH, YOU LOOK THE TYPE.
AH,
I READ EVERYTHING FROM COVER TO COVER.
I PROBABLY WASTE A LOT OF TIME.
HA HA
THAT'S JUST HOW I AM.
I HAD PLANNED...
HAVE YOU LOOKED THINGS OVER, OHNO?
WHERE DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD PICK CANDIDATES FROM?

I SEE.
I OPTED FOR KINSEI SINCE IT'S EASY TO GET TO FROM MY UNCLE'S HOUSE.
SO WHEN MY TEACHER RECOMMENDED GOING TO A SCHOOL IN THE CITY,
OH, REALLY?
YEAH, MY HOUSE IS WAY OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE
BRRR
...
I GUESS...
THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE '90S' RUMOR!
RIGHT.
1-E
CAN YOU GO ON AHEAD TO THE COUNCIL ROOM?
SORRY, SOMETHING'S COME UP.
IMAIZUMI,
HI, UNCLE?
IT'S KUNIHISA.
WANNA GRAB SOMETHING TO EAT?
I'M STARVING.
SURE. JUST LET ME MAKE ONE CALL.
SORRY, I WAS WORKING LATE FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
I JUST GOT OUT.
YEAH, SURE.
SEE YOU.
ARE YOUR FOLKS STRICT ABOUT CURFEW?
BUT I'M STAYING WITH RELATIVES WHILE I'M IN SCHOOL...
NO, NOT REALLY.

生徒会室
STUDENT COUNCIL
...
SLIDE
HEY!
SORRY I'M LATE!
?
I'M REALLY SORRY.
NO PROBLEM.
I WON'T BE LONG
WAH!
APPARENTLY, HE GOT A LETTER TODAY.
OHNO
A LETTER?
SOMEONE'S GOING TO MAKE A CONFESSION TO HIM.
I WISH I COULD GET A LOVE LETTER.
IT MUST BE NICE TO BE SO POPULAR.

...
IS IT BECAUSE YOU LIKE SOMEONE ALREADY?
IMAI-ZUMI...
SO IT WAS A CONFESSION?
DID HE ASK YOU OUT?
YEAH. BUT I TURNED HIM DOWN.
HMM.
IT'S... A GOOD SIGN?
REALLY BECOMING ACCUSTOMED TO THIS?
WHA...
YOU SURE CAN TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS MORE NATURALLY NOW.
I THINK IT'S A GOOD SIGN, THOUGH
HERE.
AS AN APOLOGY.
ID
CLICK
I KNOW, I'M REALLY SORRY.
I WAS ABOUT TO START WITHOUT YOU.
YOU REALLY ARE LATE!
WHAT?
DID HE CONFESS TO YOU?
KAWAHARA?
HOW DID HE KNOW?
THAT LETTER WAS DEFINITELY GOING TO LEAD TO A CONFESSION!
OR SO KAWAHARA AID.

BUT I SHOULD VERIFY THEM BEFORE THE MEETING.
OHNO AND I CHOSE THE CANDI-ADATES TOGETHER...
...SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEMS.
NOZE-SEMPAI WASN'T IN THE CLASS-ROOM,
生徒会室
STUDENT COUNCIL
I WONDER IF HE'S IN THE COUNCIL ROOM?

THE GUY I LOVED TURNED ME DOWN.
SO THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
IT JUST COMES DOWN TO WHETHER I WANT TO DATE HIM OR NOT.
SO IT'S LIKE THAT...
EVEN BETWEEN TWO GUYS?
HA HA
IT IS FOR ME.
RIGHT, WHERE DO WE LEAVE OFF?

EXCUSE ME, NOZE-SEMPAI.
I HAVE THE LIST OF CANDI-DATES,
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD CHECK IT OVER?
SURE, LET ME SEE.
HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING DURING THE BREAK?
SORT OF A SIDE JOB
TO DO WITH THE COUNCIL HOME PAGE.
OH, A SIDE JOB.
YOU EVEN ADDED PHOTOS!
THAT WAS OHNO'S IDEA.
HA HA HA
HE SURE KNOWS WHAT THE SCHOOL'S INTERESTS ARE!
AH... OH, IS THAT WHY HE DID IT?
JOLT
IS ANYONE HERE?

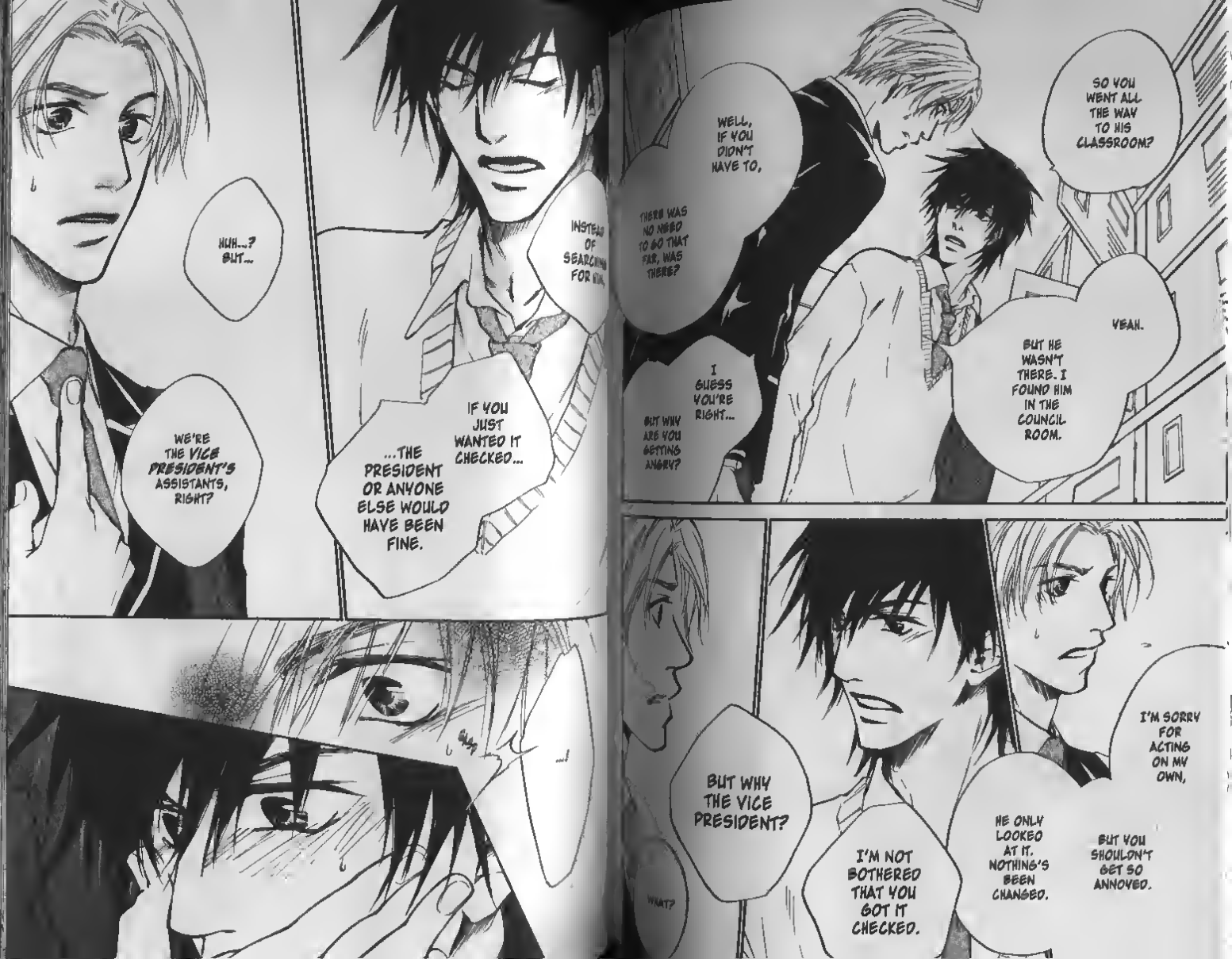
... YOU WERE AWAKE...
PRESIDENT?
BWA"HA
YOU REALLY HAVE FOUND A GOOD ONE.
THANK
HA HA HA
YOU COULD SAY THAT.
AH... YOU'RE RIGHT
HE LIKES TO TAKE NAPS HERE.
HE'S SLEEPING.
SUMIYOSHI-SAN IS USUALLY WITH HIM,
BUT HE WAS CALLED IN A TEACHER TODAY
THE PRESIDENT...
HE'S NOT USUALLY ALONE.
NOZE-SEMPAI, IS SOMEONE ELSE HERE?
UH...
... AND THE PRESIDENT HAS A PRETTY FACE.
IT'S NOT TOO OFTEN YOU CATCH HIM ASLEEP...
TWITCH
HUH?
I MEAN, WHERE YOU'RE STANDING...
WHA...?!
WERE YOU WATCHING HIM SLEEP?
BWA.HA!
AND YOU'VE JUST REALIZED?
BEFORE HE CAME IN?
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU WEREN'T SLEEPING WITHOUT SUMIYOSHI-SAN HERE.
YEAH.
YOU REALLY ARE EVIL.
UH-HUH. ♡

NOZE-SEMPAI...
DO YOU LIKE...
AS YOU SAW,
IT'S COMPLETELY ONE-WAY.
SEE YOU IN THE MEETING AFTER SCHOOL!
PAT PAT
SO YOU SHOULD THANK KUNI-CHAN.
AS YOU'VE MADE ME LAUGH...
I WON'T MENTION HOW YOU REACHED TOWARDS ME.
BMPF
GO
FIGHT
AH... NOTH-ING.
WHAT ARE YOU SMILING AT?
...
DAMN
I CAN'T BELIEVE I LET YOU SEE THAT!
GET IT TOGETHER!
...
THIS IS...
SIGH
DAMMIT...

IMAIZUMI, GOT A SECOND?
WHAT IS IT?
I WAS JUST WONDER-ING...
DID YOU ADD THIS ASTRONOMER TO THE LIST?
I DID.
...
IT'S SURPRISINGLY CUTE
JUST SEEING YOU LIKE THIS...
I DIDN'T MEAN ANY THING
LET'S GET BACK TO THE LIST.
RIGHT.
RIGHT. NOW WE HAVE THE CANDIDATES IN ORDER,
I'LL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE GET AN OK
I WANT A PRINT OUT BEFORE MIDTERMS START, SECRETARY.
AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, WE'RE FINISHED
...OHNO ANO I DISCUSSED ADDING PEOPLE WE WERE PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN.
HA HA
ACTUAL-LY...
YOU MIGHT WANT TO HEAR HIM YOURSELF
AND WHICH ONES DID OHNO CHOOSE?
HE LISTED THESE BEFORE WE NARROWED IT DOWN...

OHNO?
WAIT UP...
EXCUSE ME, NOZE-SEMPAI.
HEY!
OHNO!
LET'S GO, IMAIZUMI.
AH...
I'VE GOT YOUR BAG.
HUH?
?
IS HE IN A BAD MOOD?
MRG...

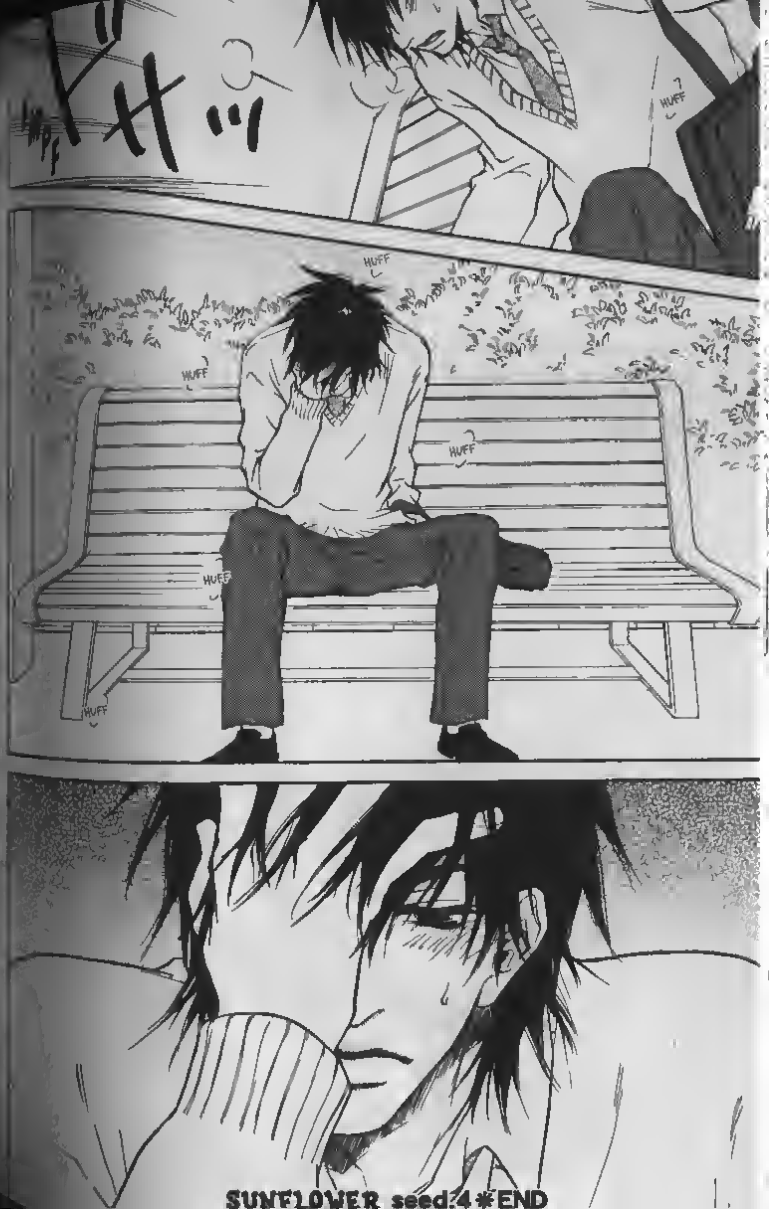
IMAIZUMI...
YOU'RE PRETTY FRIENDLY WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT.
HUH? DO YOU THINK SO?
I SPEAK WITH HIM A LOT, SURE.
BUT I'M MAINLY ASKING HIS ADVICE.
I DON'T THINK YOU'D SAY "FRIENDLY"
ADVICE? ABOUT THE COUNCIL?
OF COURSE.
LIKE TODAY AT BREAK,
I GOT HIM TO CHECK THAT LIST
HUH?
I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA.
HE DIDN'T SAY THAT
WHA...? AH,
AN...
YOU DIDN'T THINK TO SAY ANY-THING TO ME ABOUT IT?
I SEE... SORRY.


HUH...? BUT...
WE'RE THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ASSISTANTS, RIGHT?
INSTEAD OF SEARCHING FOR HIM,
IF YOU JUST WANTED IT CHECKED...
...THE PRESIDENT OR ANYONE ELSE WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE.
SIGH
...
SO YOU WENT ALL THE WAY TO HIS CLASSROOM?
WELL, IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO,
THERE WAS NO NEED TO GO THAT FAR, WAS THERE?
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
BUT WHY ARE YOU GETTING ANGRY?
YEAH.
BUT HE WASN'T THERE. I FOUND HIM IN THE COUNCIL ROOM.
I'M SORRY FOR ACTING ON MY OWN,
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T GET SO ANNOYED.
HE ONLY LOOKED AT IT. NOTHING'S BEEN CHANGED.
I'M NOT BOTHERED THAT YOU GOT IT CHECKED.
BUT WHY THE VICE PRESIDENT?
WHAT?

OHNO?!
HEY!
WH...
FINE! GET ANGRY AND GO HOME WHY DON'T YOU!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SWOOSH
AH...!
CHANK
FLOP

LOVE TAKES TWO

YOU CAN READ ABOUT FURUYA AND AIKAWA GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER IN ORDINARY BA



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...
AIKAWA...

...
YOU...
PROBABLY HEARD WHAT I JUST SAID...

FURUYA LIKED SMALL GUYS, SO I DON'T THINK HE EVER LOOKED AT ME.
A YEAR LATER I'D SHOT UP PAST HIM.
WHEN WE ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL, FURUYA WAS CHOSEN BY THE VOLLEYBALL CLUB BECAUSE HE WAS SO TALL.
← ALREADY 6 FOOT 1
GOING ON 6 FEET →

WELL, THEN,
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF KANAME-SAN?
OF COURSE... I LOVE HIM!!

I'M...
AN INCH TALLER THAN YOU, YOU KNOW?
YEAH.
BUT YOU'RE SO CUTE.

WHAT? WHEN...
AT THE POOL...
NO ...!
HE JUST CAME ALONG WITH ME, THAT'S ALL.
DIDN'T YOU GO ON A DATE WITH OKOUCHI?
I HEARD...
BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE GOING TO THE POOL WITH THAT KID...
I GOT...
... A LITTLE JEALOUS.

OH GOD.
MUMBLE
I WANT YOU RIGHT NOW...
WHA...?!
(HA)
I LOVE YOU,
MM...
AIKAWA.
OH...
FURUYA.
MM...
MM...
HA...
BUT WE COULD GO TO MY PLACE?
IT'S A FIVE MINUTE WALK...
BLUSH
GULP
IT'S FINE!
WAIT!
IF WE'RE GOING, SHOULDN'T WE TELL...
FURUYA ...!
YANK

HAA
AH...
MM
AN...
AIKAWA...
ARE YOU OKAY...?
MM...
NOO
I'M OKAY..
I'M SO HAPPY,
FURUYA.

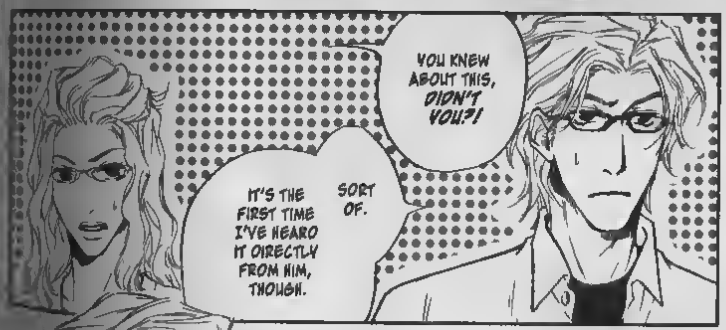
WE'LL APOLOGIZE LATER.
I DON'T WANT TO WASTE ANY TIME.

SINCE WHEN?
HE'S YOUR BOY-FRIEND, KANAME-CHAN?
SO YOU MEAN...
I HAVE A SEMI-NAR WITH HIM.
DO YOU KNOW HIM, MIZUNO-SAN?
BLUSH
UM...
SINCE THIS SUMMER.
AH,
EXCUSE ME.
SURE, BY THE WEST GATE
IT'S OKAY, I'LL COME TO YOU.
YEAH, I CAN COME NOW.
FURUYA?
YOU MEAN ..
RYUSUKE FURUYA?
I LOVE YOU, FURUYA.
AI-KAWA...

KANAME CHAN HAS AWFUL TASTE
YUM!... WHAT DID FURUYA EVER DO TO YOU?
EVEN HIS LOOKS ARE A DIME A DOZEN.
WHOSE ONLY PLUS IS HIS HEIGHT?
WHAT'S SO GOOO ABOUT A SIMPLE JOCK,

I JUST WANT KANAME-CHAN TO BE HAPPY.
I KNOW THAT!
NOTHING.
I JUST DON'T THINK HE'S GOOO ENOUGH.
KANAME-CHAN DESERVES...
... A GUY WHO WILL REALLY LOVE AND EMBRACE HIM, BODY AND MIND.

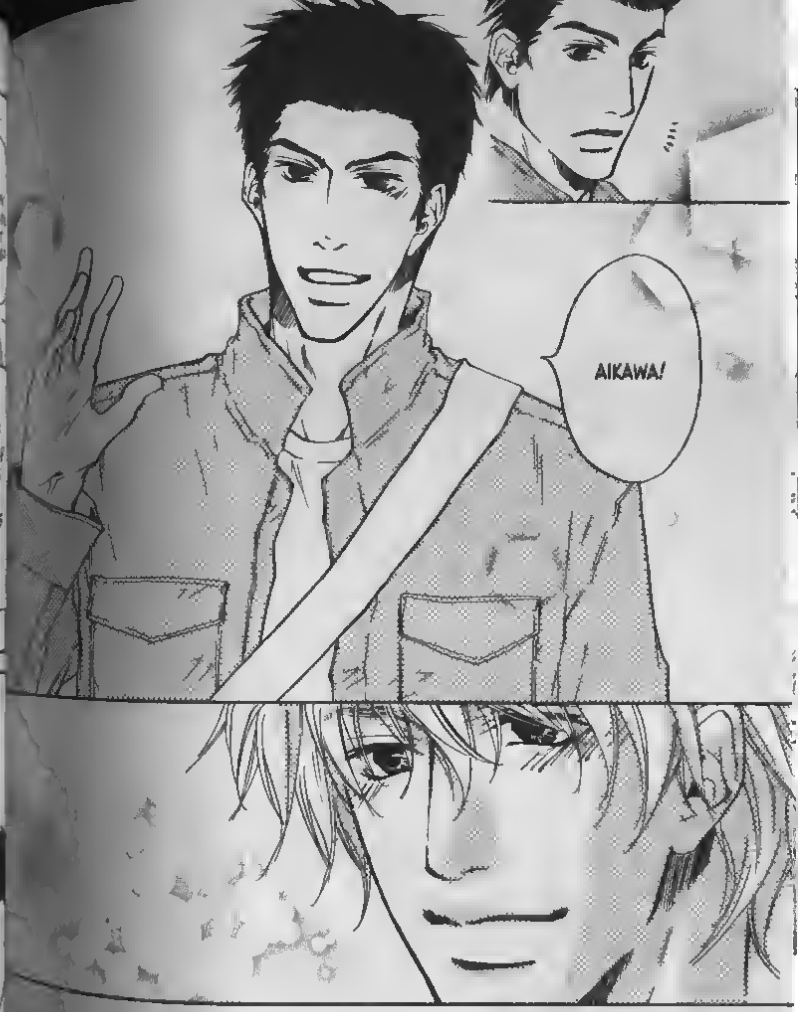
ENJOY YOURSELF!
WELL, I'M OFF.
YEP.
YOU GOT A DATE?
GRIN


YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS, DIDN'T YOU?!
SORT OF.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD IT DIRECTLY FROM HIM, THOUGH.

WHAT? REALLY?!
HE'S LIKED FURUYA SINCE HIGH SCHOOL, APPARENTLY.
SHOULDN'T I WANT HIM TO BE HAPPY?
ISN'T THAT WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR?
WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HIM?
WHY SHOULD I HAVE STOPPED HIM?

THAT KID...
HE'S A FIRST YEAR THAT JOINED THE VOLLEYBALL CLUB.
SO PEOPLE OFTEN AP-PROACH HIM LIKE THAT.
AND CARING.
FURUYA'S KIND,
THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M NOT ANXIOUS.
BUT THAT'S PRECISELY WHY...
... I LOVE HIM.
ALL THE THINGS FURUYA LIKES.
HE'S SMALL AND CUTE...
AND LIVELY
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULDN'T BE HAPPY.
I'M FINALLY GOING OUT WITH FURUYA AFTER ALL THIS TIME.
BUT...

HE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT LAST YEAR'S.
OH, ABOUT THE FESTIVAL?
I WAS TALKING WITH A FIRST YEAR ABOUT THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
NO, IT'S FINE.
PROBABLY NOTHING...



FURUYA SAYS HE LOVES ME, AND HE LOOKS AT ME WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE.

I SEE. WELL, LET'S GOT TO THE DINING HALL TOGETHER.
I'M MEETING YUMI THERE
SURE
CLANK
I'M HAVING LUNCH WITH FURUYA TODAY.
THANKS, THOUGH
HAA...
I DON'T THINK YUMI'S HERE YET.
AND YOU?
WHAT ABOUT FURUYA?
AM I JUST BEING NEGATIVE BECAUSE IT TOOK HIM SO LONG TO NOTICE ME?
?
NO...
IT'S NOTHING.
... YOU START TO GET GREEDY.
IF YOU GET TOO USED TO BEING HAPPY...
WHAT'S UP, AIKAWA?
WHAT?
WELL?
OH YEAH,
YUMI SAYS...
... HOW ABOUT HAVING LUNCH TOGETHER?

PUSH
YOU'RE EATING WITH AIKAWA, RIGHT?
WAH!
OH, HE'S HERE.
AREN'T YOU GOING OVER, AIKAWA?
...
I'LL GET GOING.
OH WELL,
YEAH.
THANK YOU, FURUYA-SEMPAI.
CLANK
SIT DOWN, AIKAWA.
INTERRUPT?
NO.
I DON'T WANT TO INTERRUPT HIM.
YEAH...

CLANK
YOU DON'T HAVE A FEVER.
HUH...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...
... IF YOU DON'T TELL ME.
PULL
LOOK AT ME.
WHAT'S UP?
YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD.
...?
I'M FINE
ARE YOU SICK?
I JUST LOST MY APPETITE.
FURUYA...
JUST GO AND GET YOUR LUNCH.

AIKAWA,
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU SAYING?
...SMALL. JUST YOUR TYPE.
AND HE'S...
I KNOW...
...IT'S BECAUSE YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO TELL HIM ABOUT IT, BUT STILL...
IF IT'S ABOUT THE FESTIVAL, THERE'S NO NEED TO ASK YOU ALL THE TIME...
ARE YOU JEALOUS?
...
... WAS HE ASKING ABOUT THE FESTIVAL AGAIN?
THAT KID...

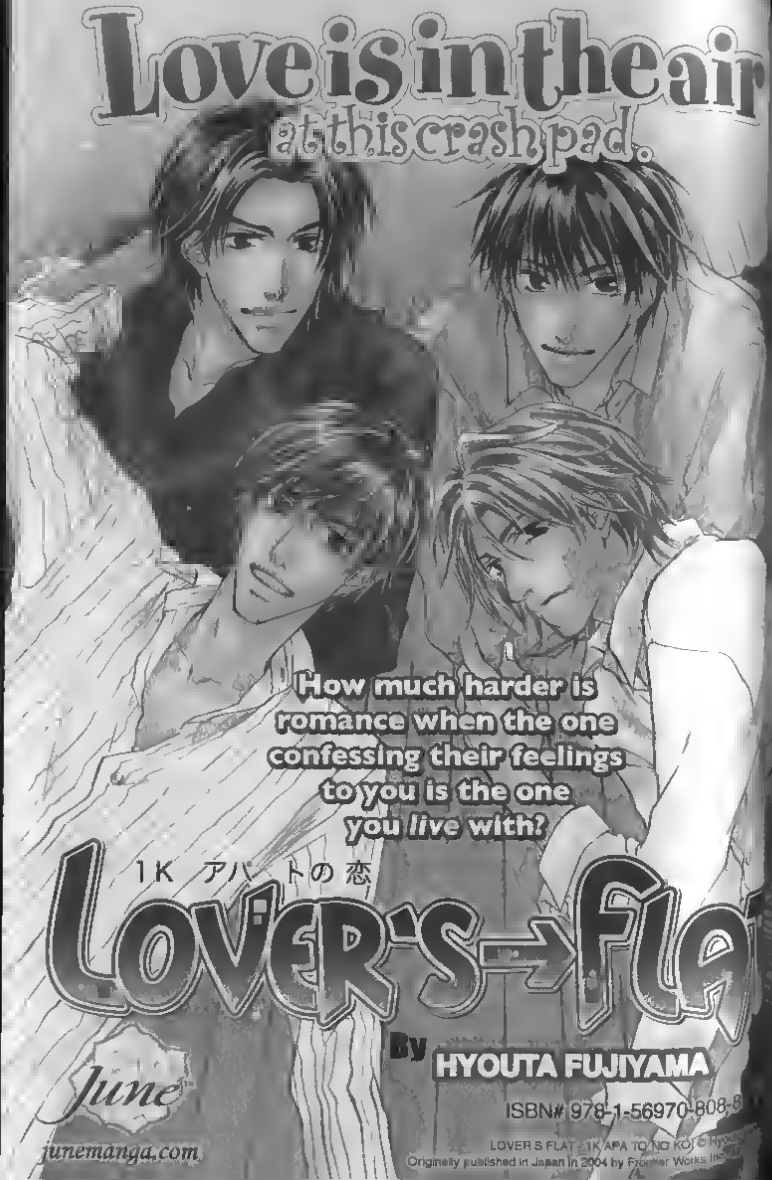
BUT I BELIEVE IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT...
IF YOU SAY SO.
I THINK THEY'RE TOGETHER BECAUSE THEY'RE MEANT TO BE
AS MUCH AS YOU DON'T LIKE IT YUMA,
SEEING THEM SO HAPPY, IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO CRITICIZE.
THAT I'M ABLE TO FEEL...
... THE WARMTH OF YOUR EMBRACE.

LOVE TAKES TWO * END

THE ANXIETY WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR.

MOREOVER,

THE HAPPIER YOU BECOME, THE MORE ANXIETY YOU CARRY WITH IT.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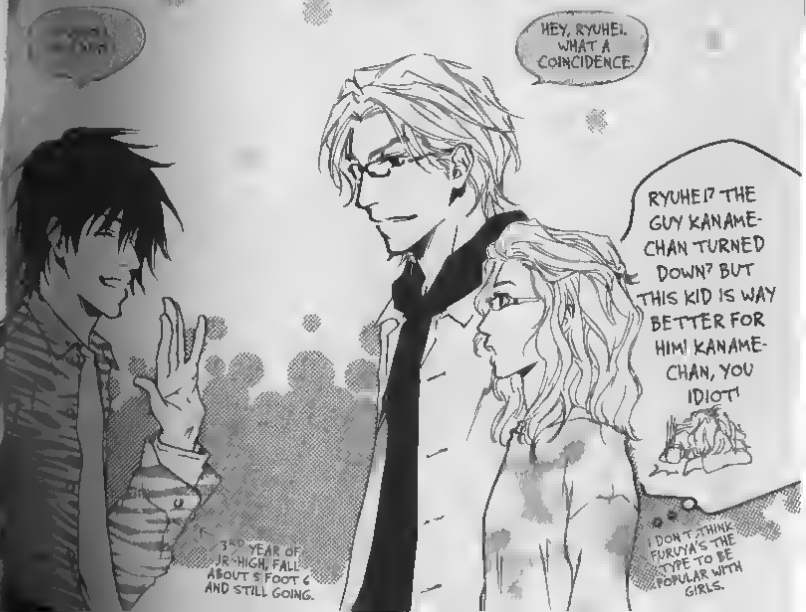
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3RD YEAR OF JR-HIGH, FALL. ABOUT 5' FOOT 6 AND STILL GOING.
I DON'T THINK FURUYA'S THE TYPE TO BE POPULAR WITH GIRLS.

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